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## 20 kids, 6 adults massacred in US school

NEWTOWN (AFP) - Twenty small children and six teachers were massacred yesterday when a young gunman walked into a quiet suburban Connecticut school armed with sophisticated handguns.

Connecticut State Police spokesman Lieutenant Paul Vance said 18 children were killed inside Sandy Hook Elementary School and that two more died of their wounds in hospital.

Six adults at the school were killed, including its principal, before the killer was shot -- either by his own hand or police.

There were very few non-fatal injuries reported, indicating that once targeted, there was rarely any chance of escape, and that the gunman was unusually accurate in his fire.

Vance said the majority of killings, "took place in one section of the school, in two rooms." He was reported to be carrying at least two handguns.

Local media reported that the shooter began in the kindergarten section where he killed his teacher mother and her class, then moved on. The child victims were reported to be aged between five and ten.

Initial media reports quoted

## The 'Gateway from Aruba' concept lauded in Holland and Europe!

To a packed audience of investors and business entrepreneurs from both Holland and European countries, the Aruba Prime Minister led the "kick off meeting" in The Hague for the "Europe Meets the Americas" event planned to be held in Aruba next May 2013.

The gathering was an ideal moment to test how the concept of 'Gateway Aruba' is perceived by investors and business people in Holland and from other parts of Europe. To the satisfaction of Aruba, the reaction at the end of the presentation was one of unequivocal enthusiasm. The idea of positioning Aruba as



the hub for international commercial interchange between Europe and Latin America has been received like music to the ears of the business world.

Several prominent figures, apart from our own Prime Minister, President of the Carbon War Room, Jose Maria Figueres, former Costa Rican President, Marion Kappeyne van de Coppello, the diplomat appointed "gateway-geant" former Dutch ambassador to Colombia for many years, TNO director Mart van Bracht, researcher Caroline Rodenburg of Ernst & Young and former Minister of Economic Affairs and expert on European Union matters Laurens Jan Brinkhorst, to name just a few, all support the concept wholeheartedly.

The general perception by all is that Aruba has the most favorable conditions for posi-



tioning herself as a true gateway to Europe and Latin America, and that the concept is deserving of exploration and embarking upon. In marketing terms it has been said that Aruba is very bullish about this fantastic and very viable concept.

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At today's meeting the committee will explain some changes. For more information, please call tel. 593-6060

## DIMAS hours for the month of December 2012

ORANJESTAD – The Department of Foreign Integration, Management and Administration - DIMAS, informs the public that the department will render service until Friday, December 21, 2012, then

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The plan is not only for local people, but also for our visitors on the island. As result of the presentation by Meliester and Theuns, the government is now going to do a research of the feasibility and to ascertain what impact this plan could have for the island.

Their research will also cover the possibilities this would have economically for our public health, tourism and labor.

At the end of the presenta-



tion, the government received an AED-plus from the Zoll Medical company, which is the leading international company in the world of Automated External Defibrillators.

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## Operational Satellite & Radar Interpretation course completed successfully!



During the celebration of anniversary and pensioned employees employed in the public sector departments under the watch of Minister Oduber, he expressed words of congratulations to the employees of the Meteorological Department of Aruba who recently successfully completed the Operational Satellite & Radar Interpretation course.

The course was conducted by Meteorological Aeronautical specialist from ICAO and Marck Oduber, director of the department.

During the intensive course, the employees learned how to analyze and interpret different satellite meteorological photos, radar and how to apply their knowledge to short term forecasts especially for aviation. Employees who passed the course were: Anthony Lo, Karel Kock, Kenneth Wolff, Lisandro Arends, Lothar Irausquin, Maikin Pourrier and Rodney Tromp.

The ICAO expert is also helping our DMA in implementing a complete Quality Management System (QMS)

for DMA. This will enable DMA to offer even better service to primarily her aviation clients. In addition, with the implementation of QMS, DMA will be one of the few meteorological services in the region to have a completely installed and implemented system.

The ICAO expert is expected to return to Aruba early next year to offer more courses to our Aruba employees and to complete the implementation of the QMS. The government intends on upgrading our local staff to the level of "aeronautical forecasters" which is a long time desire of the Aruba Meteo since 1986.

The DMA expressed their satisfaction for the attention that the government has given this department, and for the quantum investments in equipment and now in personnel. The government's overall vision is to eventually operate totally independently of Curacao and to offer the highest level of quality to clients of aviation, maritime users and to the general public.




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## Subway Cura Cabay celebrates opening of new store in San Nicolas



The prestigious and most popular Subway Restaurants are dotting every major town on the island. They have become known as the first option for fresh and healthy food, offering even a soup of the day and fresh sandwiches prepared right in front of the customer. They have just added the "raspberry cheesecake cookie," which has already become a real favorite.

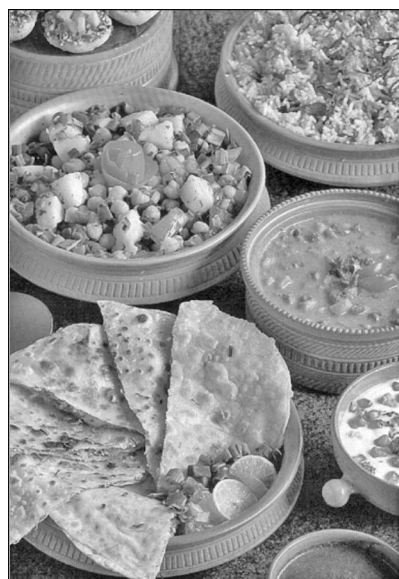
After an extensive renovation of the Cura Cabay facility, this week they celebrated the Grand Reopening of this Cura Cabay facility just before the end of the year. The building has been nicely renovated and beautified to accommodate the Aruban favorite eatery.

Subway Cura Cabay now has a lavish new design replete

with fine furniture and ultra modern equipment to the high standards of Subway. This particular San Nicolas Subway has been known for its amicable atmosphere. The people expressed how much they missed the restaurant during the restoration phase. Everyone is delighted it is open again and now more splendid than ever.

Management and staff of Subway Cura Cabay are grateful to the Aruban community and particularly to the San Nicolas community and patrons for their loyalty. It is with much pride that they invite everyone to stop by and drop in to again enjoy the completely renovated restaurant.

Congratulations, Subway, The Morning News looks forward to dropping in soon!



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## "Arubianas" were also present at the prestigious Shoco Awards 2012



Since 2005, the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association, (AHATA), has been conducting an annual awards presentation for outstanding excellence in the tourism industry at all levels. This recognition of those who are "in the front lines" of this important pillar of the island economy are the Shoco Awards, named for Aruba's national bird.

Guiding winners to the stage were a bevy of beautiful

models showcasing a new line of sandals and resort wear called "Arubianas," an authentic local brand for adorable flip flops and resort accessories.

The resort collection wear shown during this event, featured the "Shoco" and Aruban flag design. Each winner also received their "One Happy Flip Flop," fun and funky footwear inspired by the beauty of Aruba.

"Arubianas" wishes to

thank Minister of Tourism and staff for the opportunity to have be part of the prestigious Shoco Awards. Congratulations to all nominees and winners!

Arubianas flip flops will soon be appearing in resort shops, hotel area retail sales, shopping malls, on the beach vending, and a kiosk at the Royal Plaza Mall. They are eminently affordable, and will make wonderful gifts and souvenirs of Aruba.

## Dutch give up hope of saving stranded whale

Dutch animal rescuers have given up hope of saving a stranded 12-metre (32-foot) humpback whale on a northern Frisian island after a final attempt to pull it to sea failed, a rescue spokeswoman said Friday.

The drama, which has gripped animal-loving Netherlands started after the humpback, now dubbed "Johannes" was found washed up on a sand bank on Wednesday near

the island of Texel.

Initially the whale freed itself at high tide, but seemed disorientated and stranded once again shortly afterwards, Ecomare said.

Rescue workers tried several times to pull the animal to deeper water without success -- with the last attempt on Thursday evening ending in failure after a net around the aquatic mammal broke and a rescue helicopter experienced

technical problems.

"The whale is also stranded in a dangerous area called the "Razende Bol" (Raging Ball), with strong tides and high winds," De Waal said, which hampered the now cancelled rescue attempt.

"The mayor of Texel has ordered that the area be cordoned off and the animal allowed to die in peace," she said, adding it was impossible to tell how long that would take.



## US lawyers say no proof of politics in Tymoshenko trial

KIEV, The Ukraine (AFP) - An independent report by US lawyers into the trial of Ukraine's former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko published by the justice ministry yesterday found that the process while somewhat flawed was not politically motivated.

"This report, published today on the Ministry's website without amendment, concludes as groundless Yulia Tymoshenko's claims that her prosecution was politically motivated," the justice ministry said.

The international firm of Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP said "based on our review of the record, we do not believe that Tymoshenko has provided specific evidence of political motivation that would be sufficient to overturn her conviction under American standards."

The report added: "The trial court based its finding of Tymoshenko's guilt on factual determinations that had evidentiary support in the trial record."

A leader of Ukraine's 2004 Orange revolution, the 52-year-old politician is serving a seven-year sentence for abuse of power while in office in a gas deal with Russia. She has suffered from numerous health issues while incarcerated.

Her conviction in October caused a deterioration of Ukraine's ties with the West which has criticised the prosecution. Her rival President Viktor Yanukovich has been accused of persecuting political opponents.

On the other hand the American lawyers noted several deficiencies in the trial such as the court's decisions not to permit her "to call certain witnesses and to allow important witnesses to testify."

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## Valero's Aruba Oil Storage Terminal opens for third-party business

SAN ANTONIO, Texas - Valero is now in the process of negotiating with potential third-party customers for leasing out storage capacity at its 13-million-bbl capacity Aruba oil products and crude terminal, Bill Day, a company spokesman told OPIS on Thursday.

"No third-party agreements have been signed yet, but several are in the negotiation process, and we expect to have them completed soon," he said.

"There has been good in-

terest in the site, and our people are responding," he added. Earlier this year, Valero decided to shut its 235,000-b/d Aruba refinery due to poor refining economics and heavy losses. Following the refinery shutdown, Valero planned to convert the refinery site to a world-scale crude and refined products terminal.

That Aruba refinery could produce only vacuum gasoil, high-sulfur diesel and jet fuel, but no gasoline. Diesel and jet fuel could be exported

to Europe or South America, and VGO could be delivered to the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Industry sources said that the Aruba terminal would appeal to arbitrage players and trading companies who need clean and dirty storage capacities for break-bulk and build-bulk purposes, similar to other major terminals in the Caribbean.

The Aruba terminal has around 6 million bbl of crude oil storage capacity and more than 7 million bbl of refined products storage capacity.

It has two large deepwater reef berths that can accommodate VLCCs for petroleum offloading, and four product loading docks as well as a dry cargo dock.

In September, Valero said that it will continue to supply jet fuel, gasoline, diesel and fuel oil to the island, as well as engage in third-party terminal services.

In this terminal operations mode, Valero will continue to be a significant employer in Aruba, and Valero will continue to invest in Aruba with

facility improvements and dock and tankage upgrades.

On Sept. 3, Valero notified employees of Aruba refinery that Valero had decided to further reduce operations and reorganize the site as a refined products terminal.

Terminalling activities will require a considerably smaller workforce. The reorganization and reduction in workforce at Aruba is expected to be completed before the end of 2012.



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Parents pick-up children outside Sandy Hook Elementary School after a shooting.

A tearful President Barack Obama went on national television to express his "overwhelming grief." He ordered flags to be lowered at half mast.

"The majority of those who died today were children, beautiful little kids between the ages of five and ten years old," Obama said. "They had their entire lives ahead of them, birthdays, graduations, weddings, kids of their own."

"Among the fallen, were also teachers, men and women who devoted their lives to helping our children fulfill their dreams," Obama said.

"Our hearts are broken today, for the parents and grandparents, sisters and brothers of these little children and for the families of those who are lost. As a country we have been through this too many times," Obama said, mentioning earlier shooting massacres, in Colorado, Oregon and Wisconsin.

Witnesses described a terrifying bloodbath in the small town school, shortly after classes had got underway. Other witnesses described an intense fusillade, with perhaps 100 rounds fired, and seeing a corridor splattered with blood.

A survivor of a 2007 shooting voiced horror yesterday

after an elementary school massacre in Connecticut, urging policymakers to take action to stop such violence from being "normal" in the United States.

Colin Goddard, who became an advocate for gun control after the 2007 shooting at the Virginia Tech campus, said "I sunk in my chair" after seeing news of the bloodshed in Newtown, Connecticut.

"You really can't do justice to what these kids and what these teachers have just experienced -- the violence, the intensity, the sadness," Goddard told MSNBC television.

"This is not something that should be normal in our country. This is not something that other countries experience like we do," he said.

Goddard is part of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, which has tried with little success to encourage gun control in a nation where firearms are readily available and passionately supported by many conservatives.

However, despite the tragedies, support for tougher gun ownership laws is mixed, with many Americans opposing restrictions on what they consider to be a constitutional right to keep powerful firearms at home.

## I'll answer crime questions in neutral country - McAfee

MIAMI (AFP) - Anti-virus software pioneer John McAfee said in a TV interview Friday that he was willing to answer questions about the murder of his neighbor in Belize in a neutral country.

McAfee, who insists he is innocent, also admitted that he was worth "less than" \$5 million -- a day after saying he was broke -- though it was unclear how he would access that money.

"I've said in any neutral country I will meet and answer any questions you want," McAfee told the CNBC business TV network.

"I'm certainly not going to turn myself into the authorities who have been trying to lay their hands on me for months now. I will not go back to Belize," he said.

Authorities in Belize want to question McAfee about the death of Gregory Faull, a 52-year-old Florida expatriate who was found by his housekeeper with a 9-mm bullet in his head, lying in a pool of his own blood.

McAfee fled Belize to Guatemala with his 20-year-old girlfriend, but was then deported to the United States. He says he went on the run because he feared for his life, claiming corruption among Belizean police and politicians.

Belize has an extradition treaty with the United States, so if murder charges are filed he could be sent back to the Central American nation.

McAfee, who is staying in a popular Miami Beach hotel, has become a local attraction. A cloud of reporters and TV news crews follow his every step.

## Russia says 'has not, will not' change Syria stance

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia said on Friday that it had not changed and would not change its controversial stance on Syria, after a top Russian diplomat said the defeat of the Syrian regime was possible.

In a bid to play down claims of a sudden about-turn in Russian policy, the foreign ministry irritably insisted the diplomat had made no special commentary for the media.

"We have never changed our position (on Syria) and we never will," foreign ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashevich said.

Deputy Foreign Minister Bogdanov said at a meeting of the Public Chamber oversight body on Thursday that the Syrian regime "is losing more and more control" and it was not excluded that President Bashar al-Assad could lose the conflict with the

rebels.

The United States swiftly welcomed Bogdanov's comments, saying it appeared Moscow was "finally waking up to the reality".

"I think the question now is, will the Russian government join those of us in the international community who are working with the opposition to try to have a smooth democratic transition?" State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said.

Lukashevich retorted Friday that "we were never sleeping to begin with".

"Our position remains in effect," he told reporters. "It is unchanged."

Russia has so far refused to turn against Assad's regime despite the conflict, which according to rights groups has killed 42,000 people since March last year.

## Italy priest tells flock he's about to be a father

ROME (AFP) - A Sicilian priest stunned his congregation by announcing during a mass that he would soon be a father and was quitting to marry his partner, Italian media reported Friday.

"It's my last mass. I am in love with a woman and in a few months I will be a father," Vito Lombardo, 33, told his flock in the city of Trapani in northwestern Sicily, local

newspapers said.

The relationship had been going on for a while, but the priest waited until his partner was five months pregnant before announcing his departure, the reports said.

According to the Giornale di Sicilia daily, Lombardo tipped off the Vatican about his decision to marry before announcing it to his parishioners.

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## International News

### Yoko Ono picks up human rights prize in Berlin



BERLIN (AFP) - Yoko Ono on Friday accepted a German human rights prize for peace activism with her late husband, Beatle John Lennon, as well as her more recent work championing equality for women and gays.

Ono, who will turn 80 in February, picked up the Rainer Hildebrandt Medal at Berlin's Checkpoint Charlie Museum next to the former Cold War border crossing.

Wearing a black top hat and trouser suit, she gave a two-fingered peace sign as she thanked the jury.

Hildebrandt, who died in 2004, founded the museum to document daring attempts by East Germans living under communism to escape over the Berlin Wall and in protest against the regime's shoot-to-kill policies.

His widow Alexandra handed Ono the prize, which was selected by a jury she said included German President Joachim Gauck, former US secretary of state Henry Kissinger and former German foreign minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

"Since the early days of her career, and in addition to her

music and conceptual art, Yoko Ono has always drawn attention for her political statements and her fight for peace and human rights," the jury said.

Previous winners include jailed Kremlin critic Mikhail Khodorkovsky and assassinated Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The Tokyo-born artist -- raised in both Japan and the United States in a well-off family of bankers -- became a global icon when she married the rocker from Liverpool.

Since her Montreal honeymoon with Lennon, during which the couple called for peace from their marital bed, Ono has used her celebrity to raise awareness for causes.

In 2002, she launched the "LennonOno" grant for peace in Iceland, given every two years.

In honour of Ono's 80th birthday, the Schirn Kunsthalle in the western German city of Frankfurt will present a retrospective of her work from February.

### Panetta orders deployment of Patriots, troops to Turkey

INCIRLIK (AFP) - The United States said Friday it will deploy two Patriot missile batteries to Turkey along with 400 troops to help defend its ally against potential threats from neighbouring Syria.

The move was part of a wider NATO effort to bolster Turkey's air defences amid growing tension on the Turkish-Syrian border, with Ankara siding with opposition forces battling President Bashar al-Assad's regime.

US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta issued the order before landing at the Incirlik airbase in Turkey, his spokesman said.

At the Incirlik base, only about 100 kilometres (60 miles) from the Syrian border, Panetta called Turkey a key ally and said the deployment of Patriot batteries would ensure Ankara will "have the missile defence the may need."

Germany and The Netherlands also have agreed to provide advanced "hit-to-kill"

Patriot weapons, which are designed to knock out cruise and ballistic missiles as well as aircraft.

The move coincides with rising fears the Syrian regime may resort to using chemical weapons against rebel forces and after Assad's army unleashed Scud missiles in recent days.

Panetta renewed a US warning that the Assad regime must not use its chemical weapons against opposition forces, saying the United States was prepared to take military action if necessary.

But he acknowledged that any attempt to secure or destroy Syria's chemical weapons would be fraught with danger.

The Pentagon chief said his biggest concern was that the Assad regime might resort to chemical weapons in desperation.

Turkey has vowed to defend its territory after cross-border artillery fire wounded civilians and following the downing of one of its fighter jets.



## Health & Living

# Obesity is a Bigger Problem Globally than Hunger: Report

-- The number of obese people is rapidly increasing and more and more research work is done to find a solution for the epidemic that entails many health problems along with it. Obesity is a problem not only in adults but in children as well. From junk food to video games, many factors have been blamed on the additional pounds that people are increasingly adding to their frames.

According to a new report, obesity has now become a bigger health crisis globally than hunger. It is also the leading cause of disabilities around the world, the report says.

According to the global report, all the countries in the world, except the countries of sub-Saharan Africa, face an alarming obesity rate -- an increase of 82 percent globally in the last 20 years.

Middle Eastern countries have revealed a 100 percent increase in obesity since 1990.

Apparently, the health issues caused by obesity are now higher than the health issues caused by hunger around the world, according to the report.

Also, for the first time, non-communicable diseases like diabetes, stroke and heart dis-

eases have topped the list of leading causes of years spent by patients being sick or injured.

The life expectation of people has increased around the world, with men living 10.7 years longer and women living 12.6 more years longer when compared to 1990. However, the quality of life lived is not good, with people, on an average, spending the last 14 years of their lives in pain or illness. This is obviously the result of advancement of medical science.

In Western countries, while deaths from heart diseases have gone down by 70 percent, the diagnosis of the same is increasing at an alarming rate.

Non-communicable diseases are a global challenge of "epidemic proportions," Dr. Margaret Chan, director-general of the World Health Organization said, according to the report.

The report further said that preventing the diseases rather than treating them could prove beneficial to the economy as well.

The report was published Thursday in British medical journal The Lancet.

## Low Fat Christmas Turkey



### Preparation:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees - Remove giblets and neck from inside the turkey and reserve to make stock if you wish. - Rinse turkey inside and out with cold water. Pat dry with kitchen paper. -Place onion, half a lemon and 4 sprigs of (fresh rosemary, thyme and sage) herb inside the bird's cavity - Secure legs with kitchen string. Place turkey breast side up on roasting rack in pan. Squeeze lemon half into a small bowl. Brush bird with lemon juice and olive oil, and add salt and pepper - Place in oven and roast for 15 minutes at 425 degrees for an initial blast of heat - Reduce heat to 325 degrees. Baste turkey frequently with pan juices plus lemon and oil, and roast until an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the thigh reaches 180 degrees - about 3 to 3 3/4 hours- Remove turkey from oven and let stand for 15 minutes. Transfer to a warm platter and garnish with remaining herbs (rosemary, thyme, sage).

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## Mandela 'comfortable' after week in hospital

**PRETORIA (AFP) - Nelson Mandela spent a seventh day in hospital Friday, where he was said to be comfortable while receiving more treatment for a lung infection.**

Officials said the ageing statesman's doctors continued to see progress in his condition.

Presidential spokesman and former Mandela prison mate Mac Maharaj dismissed rumours that the 94-year-old could be promptly discharged.

The comments came amid confusion over where the anti-apartheid icon was being treated.

The apparent change of treatment venue prompted allegations that the government misled the public about Mandela's health and whereabouts.

The former president who led South Africa to democracy in 1994 has a long history of lung problems dating back decades when he contracted tuberculosis while in prison.

He was previously hospitalised for an acute respiratory infection in January 2011, when he was kept for two nights.

## US governor insists he's not too fat to be president

**NEW YORK (AFP) - The governor of the US state of New Jersey, leading Republican politician Chris Christie, says it's "ridiculous" to think that his being fat would make him a poor president.**

Christie is increasingly talked about as a possible candidate to replace President Barack Obama, a Democrat whose final term expires in 2016.

In an interview with ABC television this week, Christie did not say he would run, but continued to stir expectations.

The former prosecutor rose to national prominence during last month's Hurricane Sandy, which struck New Jersey hard.

Christie, in his trademark blue fleece, was a constant presence on television and caused upset in his own party's ranks when he effusively

praised Obama's handling of the disaster response just before his reelection.

Christie's weight and possible related health issues, however, would likely be an immediate issue if he sought the White House in four years.

ABC's Barbara Walters asked if this meant he couldn't be president.

Christie replied: "That's ridiculous. I mean, that's ridiculous. People watched me for the last number of weeks in Hurricane Sandy doing 18-hour days, so I don't really think that would be a problem."

He said he had tried to slim down. "If I could figure that out I would fix it," he told Walters. "I've had more diets and lost and gained back more weight in my life than I could count."



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## Sci-Tech

### NASA releases Mayan calendar 'told ya so' video 10 days early

--A film from Nasa about the Mayan prophecy that the world will end on 21 December has been released 10 days early. The Mayan calendar's 5,125-year run is due to end in 10 days, but the film – entitled *The World Didn't End Yesterday* – argues that the calendar should be interpreted as cyclical.



NASA scientists gathered for a Google Hangout to debunk the multiple end-of-world theories alleged to transpire later this month. NASA even put together a YouTube video titled "Why the World Didn't End Yesterday" clearly meant to be released on December 22, after the winter solstice doomsday the day before.

The video details how the

Mayan calendar doesn't predict the end of the world before we get to see another episode of "Game of Thrones."

But for some reason, the space agency has opted to release the video 10 days early. Perhaps someone at NASA isn't so sure we'd be able to watch it on December 22 after all?



-- MANILA (AFP) : A man alights using an extended ladder from a monorail system that has been set up at the campus of the state-run University of the Philippines in Manila on December 14, 2012. The monorail is a pilot project of the government's Science and Technology Department to test the possibility of setting up a monorail to service for the sprawling campus and for possible monorail systems elsewhere in the traffic-clogged Philippine capital.

### N. Korea leader urges more satellite launches

SEOUL (AFP) - North Korea's leader has ordered more satellite launches, state media said Friday, two days after Pyongyang's long-range rocket launch triggered global outrage and UN condemnation.

Kim Jong-Un, who oversaw Wednesday's launch, stressed the need "to launch satellites in the future... to develop the country's science, technology and economy", according to the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

North Korea says it placed a satellite in orbit for peaceful research, but critics say the launch amounted to a banned ballistic missile test that marked a major advance for the communist state's nuclear weapons programme.

The United States warned North Korea against any further launches.

The rocket launch has been seen as a timely boost for Kim, laying to rest the humiliation of a much-hyped but failed launch of North Korea's Unha-3 rocket in April, when the carrier exploded shortly after take-off.

Outrage over the recent launch was mixed with concern that North Korea may follow past practice in following up a missile or rocket launch with a nuclear test.

The North's first nuclear test in 2006 came three months after it tested a long-range missile. On that occasion, Pyongyang announced the test six days before it exploded the device.

### Many Americans see hint of Apocalypse in extreme weather



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A third of Americans believe the intensity of recent natural disasters is linked to the Apocalypse described in the New Testament, according to a poll released this week.

Many more blame global warming, the survey added.

Seeking to explain floods and heat or cold waves, 36 percent of those surveyed, and 66 percent of Evangelical Christians, evoke the end of the world, said the poll by the Public Religion Research Institute/Religion News Service.

But 63 percent of those polled blame climate change, and 67 percent say the US government should do more to address this problem.

Some 15 percent of those polled believe the world will end during their lifetime, and two percent say it will happen on December 21 of this year as some believe was predicted by the Mayan calendar.

A total of 1,018 adults took part in the poll, which was carried out between December 5 and 9 and had a margin of error of 3.2 percentage points.



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## ACROSS

1. Drunk tank crew
5. Surgery souvenir
9. "\_\_\_ in Arms"
14. Hint for Miss Marple
15. "...or not \_\_\_, that is the question"
16. Sidestep
17. Handy Jack's skill
19. \_\_\_-fire
20. 52, in 52
21. Buenos Aires landmark
23. Bottom line
24. Chicago university
26. Requisites
28. Like Mount Everest
31. Boor
34. Struck, Biblical-style
37. Essential part
39. Lose freshness
40. Saint's headwear
41. Vikki and John Dickson
42. Intestine segments
43. Ice cream thickener
44. Malt liquors
45. Hockey feinter
46. Servile follower
48. Medicine giver
50. Small drum
52. "Jeopardy!" giveaway
56. Broke a fast
58. Wavers
61. Rock group
- Speedwagon
62. Make art out of soap
64. Where Jack went with Jill
66. Old Norse poems

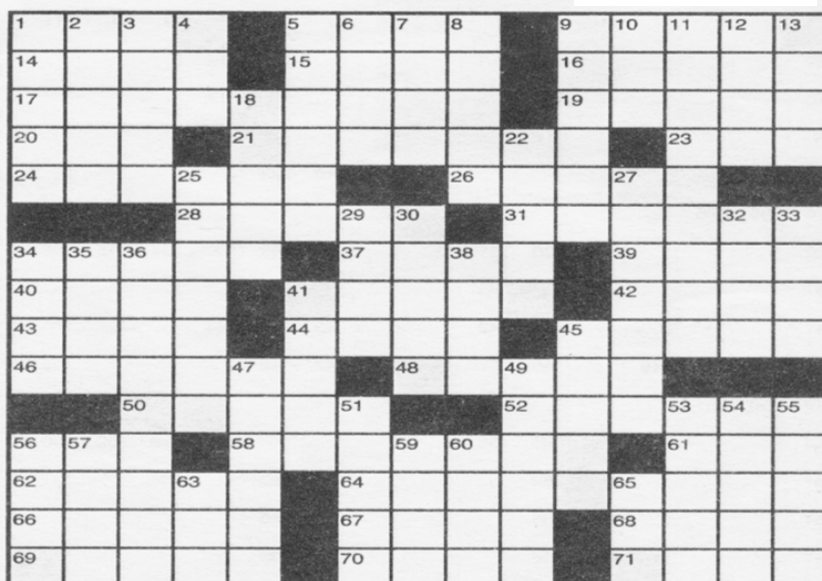
67. Chopped liver's uptown kin
68. To \_\_\_ (exactly)
69. Hairpin curves
70. Alpha Centauri, e.g.
71. That woman's

## DOWN

1. Parboil
2. Kukla's pal
3. Champagne glass's shape
4. Movie-making locale
5. Not flighty
6. Zip \_\_\_
7. Labor leader I.W. \_\_\_
8. Fiberglass fixative
9. Broadway angel, e.g.
10. Harriman's nickname

11. Ladder for a certain Jack
12. Scottish tongue
13. Proofreader's term
18. Itinerary
22. Cults
25. Part of Long Island
27. Scornful ones
29. Pertaining to an age
30. Studied carefully
32. Brainstorm in Brest
33. Approach
34. Fake
35. "The Gift of the \_\_\_" (O. Henry)
36. Jack-\_\_\_ (Halloween creations)
38. Approximation phrase

41. Piragua
45. Like the forest primeval
47. Be neurotically concerned
49. "I \_\_\_ Standing There" (Beatles)
51. Enlists again
53. Correspond
54. One on a moray foray
55. Actors' parts
56. Hundred \_\_\_ Wood (Pooh's home)
57. Greek letters
59. Scrap
60. "\_\_\_ way to go!"
63. English letter
65. Cry of triumph



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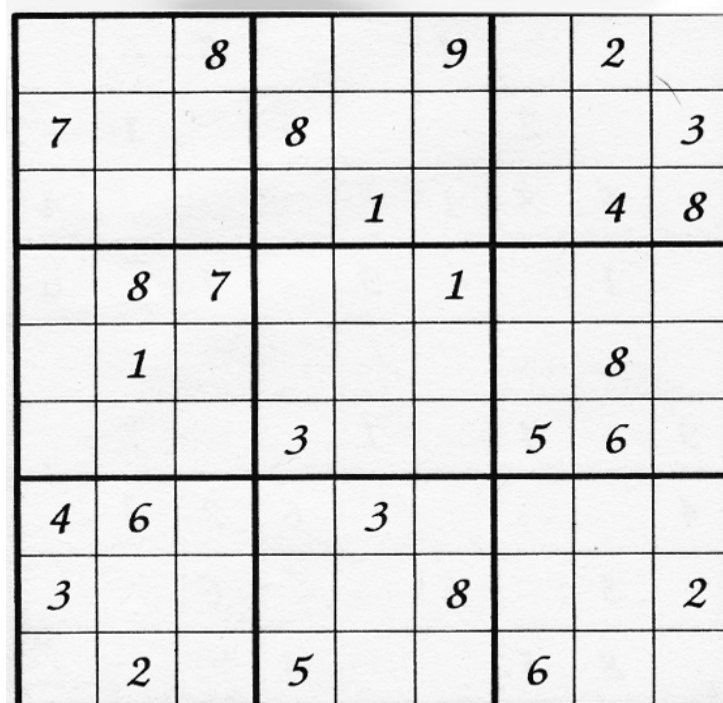
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8	7	6	1	4	9	5	2	3
5	1	9	2	8	7	6	4	3
9	2	4	6	5	7	8	1	3

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9

A number is Never repeated in a row or column.

In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9



# Finance

## Aruba Net Foreign Assets Went Up



ORANJESTAD, The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) concludes in its Monthly Bulletin of September 2012 that broad money grew by Afl. 127.4 million to Afl. 3,264.3 million, resulting from an Afl. 401.2 million rise in net foreign assets (excluding revaluation differences of gold and foreign exchange holdings) to Afl. 1,443.1 million, which was largely offset by an Afl. 273.9 million drop in net domestic assets. The growth in net foreign assets was caused mainly by a net inflow of foreign exchange related to the issuance of bonds of Afl. 452.9 million (USD 253 million) by the government on the international market, which was partially offset by a net outflow of foreign exchange associated with net payments for the import of goods and services, and investment income (interest and dividend) settled through the banking system.

The drop in the domestic component of the money supply was associated with declines in domestic credit and non-credit related balance sheet items of, respectively, Afl. 248.8 million and Afl. 25.0 million. Domestic credit decreased because the Afl. 176.5 million net liability of the public sector to the banking sector turned into an Afl. 74.2 million net claim of the public sector on the banking sector, stemming from a surge in the government's deposits of Afl. 259.4 million, reflecting the issuance of bonds by the government mentioned above. In contrast, claims of the banking sector on the private sector went up slightly by Afl. 1.8 million (+0.1 percent), following increases in consumer credit and housing mortgages of, respectively, Afl. 8.1 million and Afl. 2.5 million, while commercial loans fell by Afl. 8.6 million.

The consumer price index (CPI) for September 2012 reg-

istered a 2.1 percent decrease, compared to the same month of 2011. The main contributors to this drop were housing, clothing & footwear, and household operation. Excluding the effect of food and energy (which partly affects the housing and transport components), the core CPI showed a 0.6 percent decrease compared to September 2011, brought about by declines in the index categories of clothing, household operation, and recreation and culture. The 12-month average inflation rate reached 2.9 percent in September 2012, down from 3.6 percent in August 2012.

The number of stay-over visitors totaled 69,718 in September 2012, which is 9.4 percent higher than in September 2011. This growth was caused by increases in the number of visitors from North America, Latin America and Europe of, respectively, 10.2 percent (+3,351 visitors), 6.7 percent (+1,443 visitors), and 17.6 percent (1,157 visitors). The growth in the North American market resulted from hikes in arrivals from the United States and Canada of, respectively,

7.8 percent (+2,458 visitors) and 61.3 percent (+893 visitors). The Latin American market continued to grow, attributed mostly to an increase in visitors from Venezuela of 7.1 percent (+1,086 visitors). The rise in the European market is associated mainly with increases in visitors from the Netherlands and England of, respectively, 467 and 318. The number of cruise visitors went up by 1,829 or 39.3 percent to 6,481 in the month of September 2012 compared to the same month of the previous year. The number of ship calls declined slightly from 4 to 3 in September 2012 compared to September 2011.

In September 2012, registered tax revenue totaled Afl. 77.4 million, an increase of Afl. 12.8 million or 19.8 percent, compared to the same month of the previous year. This growth was associated mostly with surges in revenue from profit, wage and land tax of, respectively, Afl. 4.4 million, Afl. 3.1 million and Afl. 3.1 million. Foreign exchange tax and turnover tax (BBO) also noted increases of, respectively, Afl. 1.9 million and Afl. 0.6 million. On the other hand, non-tax revenue recorded a fall of Afl. 3.8 million in September 2012 compared to the same month of last year, due to a decrease of Afl. 1.1 million in income from leases of land.



**SOLO, Indonesia (AFP) :** In this photograph taken on December 13, 2012, hundreds of employees of the Sritex textile and garment company sew military uniforms at the factory in Solo in Central Java province. Sritex, an Indonesian company and one of the largest textile makers in Southeast Asia, employs more than 15,000 people to manufacture military uniforms for some 27 countries, including Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Lebanon, Australia, Singapore, Brunei and NATO countries.



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Switzerland	CHF	191.71	192.43	194.09
Netherlands	EUR	230.59	232.69	235.32
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## US Finance news:

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Federal Reserve plans to subject large foreign banks to the same rigorous standards applied to US banks, including subjecting them to stress tests, according to draft rules unveiled Friday.

Foreign banks with global assets of more than \$50 billion that are active inside the United States will be subject to credit-exposure limits under the regulations, with more lenient rules for smaller foreign banks.

The regulatory regime that was tightened for US banks in the wake of the financial crisis four years ago would be effectively extended to foreign banks doing business in the United States.

The new rules, which if finalized will come into effect on July 1, 2015, would apply to around 107 foreign banks, and another 26 or 27 foreign non-bank financial institutions.

Meanwhile US stocks slid lower Friday amid worries about Washington's budget impasse, with a sharp drop in Apple weighing on the Nasdaq.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 34.25 points (0.26 percent) at 13,136.47 in closing trade.

The broad-market S&P 500 fell 5.71 points (0.40 percent) to 1,413.74, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite shed 20.83 points (0.70 percent) to 2,971.33.

Investors continued to be concerned about sharp tax hikes and spending cuts set to take effect in January if Washington fails to reach a deal to avert the so-called fiscal cliff, which economists say would drag the United States into recession.

Oil prices rose Friday, lifted by upbeat Chinese manufacturing data and a weaker dollar.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) for January delivery, rose 84 cents from Thursday to settle at \$86.73 a barrel.

## YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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## VP Maduro: Former bus driver who may steer Venezuela



CARACAS (AFP) - With an ailing Hugo Chavez recovering in Cuba, Venezuelan Vice President Nicolas Maduro, a former bus driver, may have to step out of the leftist leader's shadow to steer his oil-rich nation down an untraveled road.

A tall, broad-shouldered former union leader with a thick mustache, Maduro is known as a moderate who listens -- a stark contrast from his loquacious "comandante" Chavez.

Now Maduro, 50, faces the possibility of succeeding the inimitable Chavez, who after 14 years in power designated the vice president as his political heir last weekend in case cancer forces him out of power.

The government revealed Thursday that Chavez, 58, bled during the fourth round of surgery in more than a year on Tuesday, but that he was showing signs of recovery.

Known outside Venezuela as the country's foreign minister since 2006 -- a post he still

holds -- Maduro has delivered some of the president's health news, somberly warning his nation Tuesday that it must be "prepared to face a tough and difficult situation."

But Maduro also showed his loyal "Chavista" side, using the pulpit of the Miraflores presidential palace to rail against "ferocious attacks" from a "small but venomous" minority in the opposition.

With regional elections coming up Sunday, Maduro urged the polarized nation to back pro-government candidates, saying that voting for them would be like "a hug, a kiss, a vote of love" for Chavez.

Maduro could face his own electoral test soon if Chavez's health deteriorates. Under the constitution, Venezuela must hold elections within 30 days if the president becomes incapacitated or dies.

Chavez -- re-elected in October and scheduled to be sworn in to another six-year term on January 10 -- pleaded

with his countrymen before heading to Cuba to vote for Maduro if he is unable to return to the presidency.

On Saturday Chavez described Maduro as an experienced "true revolutionary" that would lead Venezuela with "a firm hand, with his foresight, with the heart of a man of the people, (and) with his people skills."

Maduro was named vice president one week after Chavez was re-elected, and was barely two months into his post when Chavez had to fly urgently to Cuba for surgery.

"Look where Nicolas, the bus driver, is headed. He was a bus driver and they had mocked him," Chavez said when he named Maduro as his new deputy, replacing Elias Jaua.

Maduro was elected to the legislature in 1999 as a member of the Fifth Republic Movement (MVR), a party founded by Chavez, and rose to become National Assembly president in 2005 and 2006.

Their paths first crossed when Maduro joined the Bolivarian Revolutionary Movement 200 (MBR-200), a grouping that Chavez led when he spearheaded a failed coup against then president Carlos Andres Perez in 1992.

Chavez and Maduro often appeared together at public events, during which the president sometimes mocked his chief diplomat over his voracious appetite for "submarine" sandwiches.

Though analysts say he is not as vocal as Chavez, Maduro showed a fiery side after he was briefly detained by security at New York's Kennedy airport in 2006, railing against the "Nazi" and "racist" government of then president George W. Bush.

In another contrast with Chavez, a devout Catholic, Maduro is an adherent of Hinduism, a religious belief he shares with his wife, Venezuela's Attorney General Cilia Flores.

Maduro is considered to be in the moderate wing of Chavez's inner circle, which includes more radical members like National Assembly president Diosdado Cabello, a former army officer who participated in the 1992 coup attempt.

Though Chavez has amassed a huge following over the years through popular, oil-funded health and subsidized food programs, Maduro is recognized by the president's loyalists as the man from humble beginnings.

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## US police foil plot to kill, castrate Justin Bieber



WASHINGTON (AFP) - US police have foiled a plot to kill teen pop idol Justin Bieber and possibly castrate him with pruning shears, with the alleged killer promised \$2,500 per testicle, legal documents revealed Thursday.

Mark Staake, 41, and his nephew, Tanner Ruane, were arrested in Vermont and New York last month and face charges in New Mexico of conspiracy to commit murder and conspiracy to commit aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

The pair were allegedly plotting to strangle two victims and castrate them with pruning shears, but a convicted killer who is serving life in prison told police that the "ultimate

target was Bieber, who was performing in New York.

Dana Martin, (who had a tattoo of Bieber on his leg and had tried to contact the singer repeatedly without success) who was jailed for life for a 2000 murder in Vermont and who had met Staake in jail in New Mexico, allegedly recruited Staake to carry out the murders. Staake then asked his nephew to help.

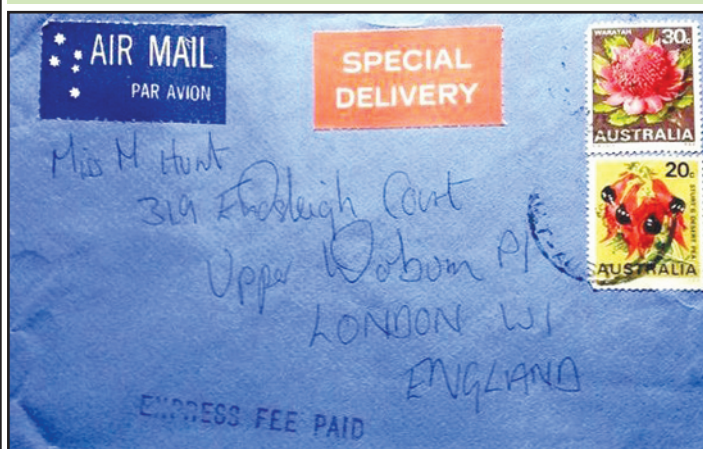
Staake and Ruane are currently awaiting extradition to New Mexico, officials said.

The 18-year-old Canadian star's managers said they took Bieber's safety seriously. "We take every precaution to protect and ensure the safety of Justin and his fans," a management official told AFP in an email.



KUALA LUMPUR (AFP) : Newlywed couples pose for a group picture during a mass wedding ceremony in conjunction with the date 12.12.12 at a Chinese temple in Kuala Lumpur on December 12, 2012. Some 200 couples gathered at the temple to attend a grand colourful wedding ceremony on December 12, 2012, which many in Asia mark as an auspicious date on the calendar.

## Mick Jagger love letters sold at London auction



LONDON (AFP) - A collection of letters sent by Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger to his secret lover in the summer of 1969 sold for around \$300,000 at a London auction on Wednesday, trumping their pre-sale estimate. Purchased by a private collector over the telephone, the letters sold for £187,250 (about \$301,000 or 231,000 euros) at a Sotheby's auction, trumping their pre-sale estimate of £70,000 to £100,000. The letters were written to black American singer Marsha Hunt, aged 23 at the time, while Jagger was filming the movie "Ned Kelly" in Australia, and were presented as a window into a different side of the rock-and-roll legend.



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An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

### The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local. They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!



## SPORTS

## Skiing: Svindal continues sizzling form with super-G win



VAL GARDENA, Italy (AFP) - Norwegian Aksel Lund Svindal outclassed the field here on Friday as he won his 19th World Cup race by taking the super-G ahead of Italian duo Matteo Marsaglia and Werner Heel.

The overall World Cup champion in 2007 and 2009, finished 1.07sec ahead of Marsaglia with Heel a slender .05sec further back as he consolidated his lead in this season's standings, 12 days before his 30th birthday.

"I didn't expect to go so fast but it's really been a good day," said the burly Scandinavian.

"At the moment, the Italians are my biggest rivals and they beat me twice at Beaver Creek but I've won in their country.

Marsaglia lost ground on his rival in the super-G standings while Heel edged Kjetil

Jansrud of Norway into fourth by just .06sec.

"I was hoping to perform well but perhaps not a podium," said Marsaglia.

"Aksel Lund Svindal is from another planet but I consider myself the best of the terrestrials. He made mistakes but despite that he is still a second in front of everyone.

Svindal, a four-time world champion and reigning super-G Olympic champion picked up his third win of the young season after super-G and downhill wins at Lake Louise last month and tightened his stranglehold on the battle for overall supremacy.

He also leads the super-G and downhill rankings and is well on track to add to his seven crystal globes that include four in super-G.

## NFL: Bengals boost playoff bid by downing Eagles



Mat McBriar #1 of the Philadelphia Eagles has his punt blocked by Dan Herron #34 of the Cincinnati Bengals

PHILADELPHIA (AFP) - BenJarvus Green-Ellis ran for 106 yards and a touchdown while Andy Dalton ran for one touchdown and threw for another to lead Cincinnati over Philadelphia 34-13 in an NFL game Thursday.

The victory boosted the Bengals to 8-6 and ahead of Pittsburgh for the final American Conference playoff spot, although the Steelers (7-6) could move back in front of Cincinnati with a triumph at Dallas (7-6) on Sunday night.

Cincinnati will visit Pittsburgh on December 23 and host Baltimore one week later and would reach the playoffs with triumphs in both contests.

The Bengals produced 27 points off five Philadelphia turnovers in dropping the Eagles to 4-10, the worst record in the National Conference.

New England, Houston and Denver have already clinched American Conference playoff spots and Baltimore and Indianapolis, both 9-4, hope to join them with 10 or more victories

by winning on Sunday.

The Colts will visit Houston to face the Texans, who at 11-2 are level with the Atlanta Falcons for the best record in the NFL, while Baltimore will play host to Denver, which has already clinched the AFC West division crown.

Other games Sunday find Jacksonville at Miami, Minnesota at St. Louis, Tampa Bay at New Orleans, Seattle at Buffalo, Carolina at San Diego, Detroit at Arizona and Kansas City at Oakland.

## Football: FIFA can't verify claims over Messi record



PARIS (AFP) - World football's governing body on Friday said that they were unable to check whether claims that an African footballer and not Argentina star Lionel Messi was the record holder for the most goals scored in a calendar year.

"Thanks for the questions about Godfrey Chitalu. Our official stats are limited to FIFA competitions, so we cannot verify this 'record'," FIFA's communications department said on its Twitter account

@fifamedia.

Barcelona forward Messi was hailed by many as the greatest player ever in the game after he scored twice on Sunday to beat the 40-year-old record of Germany's Gerd Mueller and take his tally to 86 for 2012.

But claims emerged on Thursday that he may still in fact be well short of Zambia legend Chitalu, who netted 107 times -- 49 in league matches for Kabwe Warriors and 58 in cup and internation-

als -- between January 23 and December 10, 1972.

A black and white photograph of a smiling Chitalu, dressed in a suit and holding a ball inscribed with "1972 Godfrey Chitalu 107 goals" has been widely circulated on the Internet.

Yet there have also been claims that his name was raised by jealous supporters of Barca rivals Real Madrid to prevent the record going to a Barcelona player.

Zambian commentator Mubsonda Chibulu and fellow researcher Jerry Muchimba, who compiled their data from daily newspapers and the southern African country's national archives, had said they would try to get Chitalu's tally ratified by FIFA.

Chitalu died with the whole national football team when their airplane crashed off the coast of Gabon in 1993 on the way to a World Cup qualifier in Senegal. He was head coach at the time.

## Swimming: Ryan Lochte sets new 200 medley world record



ISTANBUL (AFP) - America's Ryan Lochte set a new world record in the 200m individual medley at the world short course championships on Friday, winning the title in a time of 1min 49.63sec. The five-time world champion, who also won 200m freestyle and 4x100m freestyle gold on Wednesday, shattered his own previous record of 1:50.08 set in December 2010 in Dubai. Japan's Daiya Seto was second in a time of 1:52.80 with Laszlo Cseh of Hungary taking bronze in 1:52.89. (photo; A Turkish child, Arda Cakmak (C) poses with the medal given to him by Ryan Lochte in front of a stunned crowd after he won the men's 200m individual medley final)





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## Boxing: Filipino star Donaire risks title against Arce



HOUSTON (AFP) - Filipino star Nonito Donaire seeks his 30th victory in a row today

when he defends the World Boxing Organization super bantamweight crown against Mexican veteran Jorge Arce.

Donaire, 30-1 with 19 knockouts, beat South African Jeffrey Mathebula last July and Japan's Toshiaki Nishioka in October after taking the title with a split decision last February over Puerto Rico's Wilfredo Vazquez.

"My speed is there. My power is there so he needs to keep a distance," said Donaire. "But he needs to be in front of me all the time, so it's going to be a war. That's what Arce needs to do because that's the only way he can win."

Arce, who at 33 gives away three years to his larger opponent, predicted this will be the high point of his boxing career, one that has seen him go 61-6 with two drawn and 46 knockouts.

"I'm excited because it will be the best fight of my life," Arce said.

Arce has nine wins and a draw since last being beaten by South African Simphiwe Nongqayi in 2009 -- a defeat Arce avenged last year.

Donaire has not been beaten since 2001 in the second fight of his career.

## Football: Runaway Bayern go 12 clear despite Gladbach draw

BERLIN (AFP) - Runaway leaders Bayern Munich needed a second-half equaliser to snatch a point in a 1-1 draw at home to Borussia Moenchengladbach on Friday in their final Bundesliga match of 2012.

The draw left Bayern 12 points clear of the chasing pack, who are all in action during the rest of the weekend's programme, while 'Gladbach move up to sixth.

Having already opened the season with a record eight straight wins, Bayern are hoping to finish the weekend with another achievement as they look to break Borussia Dortmund's record 10-point lead at the halfway stage.

Bayern hammered 'Gladbach's goal, enjoying 65 per cent ball possession, and finished with 25 shots on goal, compared to their guests' five.

After Gladbach claimed a



half-time lead through a Thorben Marx penalty, Bayern battered their visitors' goal and the torrent of chances finally paid off when Swiss star Xher-

dan Shaqiri equalised with half an hour left.

Leverkusen can trim Bayern's lead back to nine points if they win at home to Hamburg on today.

## Baseball: Sanchez makes deal to stay in Detroit



DETROIT (AFP) - Right-handed pitcher Anibal Sanchez has agreed to a five-year deal worth \$80 million to remain with the Detroit Tigers, snubbing an offer from the Chicago Cubs according to reports on Friday. ESPN and USA Today reported that the 28-year-old Venezuelan will stay with the club he helped win the American League title before falling to the San Francisco Giants last October in the World Series. Sanchez has a 48-51 record with as 3.75 earned run average for Detroit and Miami over his Major League Baseball career. Sanchez was obtained July 23 at the trade deadline from the Marlins and went 4-6 with a 3.74 ERA in 12 regular-season games plus 1-2 with a 1.77 ERA in three playoff appearances.

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## NBA: Anthony leads Knicks to Lakers win, sprains ankle



Carmelo Anthony scored 22 points in the first quarter

NEW YORK (AFP) - Carmelo Anthony scored 30 points before leaving with a sprained left ankle to help the New York Knicks to a 116-107 NBA victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday.

Anthony scored 22 points in the first quarter as the Knicks seized a 41-27 lead, which they stretched to 68-49 by half time on the way to remaining unbeaten after nine home games, improving to 17-5.

Kobe Bryant scored 31 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and passed out six assists for the Lakers, who suffered their fourth loss in a row and fell to 9-14.

Anthony suffered a hard fall about halfway into the third quarter and was es-

corted to the locker room. He did not return to the game but the Knicks were more than enough to hold off the Lakers to the finish.

Raymond Felton scored 19 points and added a game-high eight assists for the Knicks while Tyson Chandler and J.R. Smith each netted 18 points as New York won for the third time in a row and eighth time in the past nine games.

Dwight Howard added 20 points and seven rebounds for the Lakers while Metta World Peace contributed 23 points and six rebounds.

The game marked a return to Madison Square Garden for Lakers coach Mike D'Antoni, who resigned as coach of the Knicks last March.

## Boxing: Wiser Khan knows he needs big win over Molina



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Britain's Amir Khan, trying to fight his way back into the world title picture after back-to-back losses, faces a must-win matchup on today against unbeaten American Carlos Molina.

Khan was stopped in the fourth round last July by America's Danny Garcia in a showdown for two world titles after a controversial loss to US fighter Lamont Peterson last December in Washington, Peterson's hometown.

Now Khan, 26-3 with 18 knockouts but winless since stopping Zab Judah in July of last year, will fight another US hometown hero in Molina, 17-0 with one draw and seven knockouts.

"It's always tough but maybe that's the reason we've

been working even harder, because we know we have to win even more convincingly when you come to someone's backyard and that's what we're going to do," Khan said.

Khan says he is a smarter fighter who is less prone to make mistakes now that he is working with new trainer Virgil Hunter rather than his former trainer, Manny Pacquiao cornerman Freddie Roach.

Khan, 26, vowed he will show his fans some new moves.

"You will see a new Amir Khan come into this fight," he said. "The training I've been doing with Virgil Hunter has been great -- work on new techniques and new skills and everything and be a totally different fighter."

Molina, 27, figures the new

Khan will be no more of a pushover than the old one he has studied in films.

"We're going to come out of nowhere and shock the world," Molina vowed. "Beating Khan is going to catapult me to that level where everybody is going to know who I am."

Molina, moving up from the lightweight ranks, vowed to take punishment to deliver his own punches to Khan.

"No way is he going to put me down and I know he needs this win bad so we're going to go to war," Molina said.

The undercard includes a showdown of Mexican unbeaten between Leo Santa Cruz, the International Boxing Federation bantamweight champion, and challenger Alberto Guevara.

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